



## ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

# TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF

# MILLBURY,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1878.

WORCESTER:

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### TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1877.

SELECTMEN,

JOHN MARTIN,

B. F. McINTIRE,

L. L. WHITNEY.

TOWN CLERK,
IRA N. GODDARD.

TREASURER,
DAVID ATWOOD.

ASSESSORS,

HORACE ARMSBY,

ADIN B. DAVIS,

H. L. BANCROFT.

COLLECTOR,

P. P. SANDERSON.

OVERSEERS OF POOR,

WARREN A. HARRIS,

ROBERT JONES,

C. H. WRIGHT.

R. B. LOVELL,

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

THOMAS WHEELOCK, Term expires 1878.

E. M. HOLMAN, " " 1878.

H. L. BANCROFT, " " 1879.
R. K. MERRIAM " " 1879.

R. K. MERRIAM, "1879. G. C. WEBBER, "1880.

S. N. ROGERS, " " 1880.

TRUSTEES OF TOWN LIBRARY,

JCHN HOPKINS, Term expires 1878.

IRVING B. SAYLES, " 1879.

AMOS ARMSBY, " " 1880.

TRUSTEES OF CEMETERY,

DAVID ATWOOD, Term expires 1878.

N. H. SEARS, " " 1879.

B. B. HOWARD, " " 1880.

CONSTABLES,

WILLIAM RYAN,

THOMAS BROWN, M. F. BENNETT, P. P. SANDERSON, A. B. SLOCUM.

C. H. SMITH,

A. B. SLOCOM,
JAMES CLARK,

HENRY WOOD.

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

## To the Inhabitants of the Town of Millbury:

Your Selectmen respectfully present the following Report of the Financial Condition of the Town for the year ending March 1, 1878:

### MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

MISOEIDANEOUS EXTENSES.		
Orders to H. Park, conveying children to school,	\$75	00
Sanford & Co., books for Assessors,		70
Thomas Wheelock, supplies for schools,	. 69	00
Rhodes & Simpson, rent of Selectmen's room,	100	00
D. Atwood, postage and bills L. Prang & Co.,	28	
Mrs. Gover, rent of lot for lockup 1 year,	12	00
John P. Lovell, straightening road,	75	00
Tyler & Seagrave, printing town reports,	134	25
P. P. Sanderson, repairs on No. 4 Engine		
House,	36	98
D. Atwood, printing for High School,	14	25
I. N. Goddard, registry book,	6	60
Jas. Clark and others, police service, May 7,	14	00
H. A. Aiken, printing notices,	4	50
C. D. Morse & Co., watering trough,	15	00
C. H. Smith and others, police service, July 4,	4	00
Dennis Sharon, work at High School build'g,	2	55
D. Atwood, supplies for schools,		75
B. T. Baker, painting hearse,	27	50
J. L. Pender, repairing bell at High School,	17	68
Thomas Wheelock, supplies for schools,	62	00
H. E. Newell, storing town seals and sealing		
hay scales,		50
I. N. Goddard, insurance on school-houses,	366	
Thomas Wheelock, supplies for schools,		15
I. N. Goddard, stationary and express charges	, 6	05
L. L. Whitney, license blanks, printing and		
stationary,	10	32

Orders to T. R. Harrington, supplies for schools,	18	
J. Marlborough, sharpening drills,	2	25
Wm. Ryan, posting warrants,	10	
Wm. Ryan & Son, returning deaths,	15	
Dennis Mulhane, returning deaths,	13	75
C. H. Smith, services as truant officer for 1876 and 1877,	17	60
M. F. Bennett, services as truant officer for	12	00
1877,	12	
H. L. Bancroft, copying valuation,		
R. K. Merriam, enumerating school childre	1, 50	00
I. N. Goddard, recording births, marriages	100	25
and deaths,	106	
Horace Armsby, services as Assessor,	100	
Aun D. Davis,	115	
H. L. Bancroft, " "	125	
Thomas Wheelock, services as School Com		
E. M. Holman, "" ""	40	
H. L. Bancroft, " " "	50	
R. K. Merriam, "" "" "	50	
G. C. Webber, "" " "	80	
S. N. Rogers, " " " "	40	-
P. P. Sanderson, services as Collector,	140	
David Atwood, services as Treasurer,	125	мм
John Martin, services as Selectman,	100	00
B. F. McIntire, " " "	100	
L. L. Whitney, " " "	100	00
	\$2,646	48
ARMORY RENT.		
Orders to H. A. Aiken, for rent of hall and officers'		
room,	\$266	50
SCHOOL BOOKS.		
Orders to Ira N. Goddard for school books,	\$430	67
SCHOOLS.		
Orders to School Committee, schools appropriated,	B7,000 (	00
" State allowance,	256	
" repairs,	1,030	49
	\$8,286	49
HIGHWAYS.		
Orders given for repairs on roads,	32,504	31

## BRIDGES.

Dittibutio.		
Orders given for repairs on bridges,	\$745	46
SUPPORT OF POOR.		
Orders to Overseers of Poor,	\$4,139	76
FIRE DEPARTMENT.		
Orders to engineers, INTEREST.	\$1,628	21
Orders to D. Atwood, interest to Savings Bank, D. Atwood, advance int. to Savings Bank	\$1,300 , 600	00
	24 000	
MEMORIAL DAY.	\$1,900	0.0
		10.37
Orders to the committee,	\$125	00
CEMETERIES.		
Orders to the trustees, LIBRARY.	\$300	00
Orders to the trustees, (appropriated,)	\$300	00
" (dog tax,)	366	
	2222	
STATE AID.	\$666	22
	<b>*</b>	00
Orders to D. Atwood treasurer for State Aid,	\$800	20
NOTES PAID.		
Orders to D. Atwood, treas. to pay notes at Millbury National Bank,	\$9,500	00
BREAKING OUT ROADS.		
Orders given to surveyors for breaking roads in 1877	7 \$65	aa
" " " " " " " 1878	3, 157	
	\$223	46
TAXES PAID.		
Orders to D. Atwood for Bank and State tax,	\$3,902	
P. P. Sanderson for County tax,	2,851	
	\$6,754	66
ABATEMENT OF TAXES.	1	
Orders to R. Carter, collector, 1876,	\$4	
P. P. Sanderson, collector,	176	96
	\$180	96

## LIGHTING STREET LAMPS.

LIGHTING STREET LAMIS.		
Orders given for care and lighting lamp,	\$333	21
to Dunton Winter, oils and supplies,	214	
W. T. Eaton, supplies and lighting lamps,		70
,,		
	\$552	03
LOCKUP.		
Orders given for repairs to lockup,	\$113	09
coal and supplies,	4	10
	-	
	\$117	19
TOWN HALL.		
Orders given for laying new floor and repairing old		
settees,	\$135	45
A. W. Lincoln & Co., new settees,	41	
	\$176	45
SIDEWALK ON GROVE STREET.		
Orders to Calvin W. Barker for building walk,	\$531	25
W. A. Harris for stone,		00
	\$536	25
NEW COUNTY ROAD.		
Orders to John W. Pierce,	\$891	00
C. H. Maxham, services locating road,		50
O. 11. Maximin, Solvious locating load,	1	
	\$895	50
RECAPITULATION.		
	00000	4.0
Miscellaneous expenses,	\$2,646	
Armory rent,	266	
School books,	430	
Schools,	8,286 2,504	
Highways,	745	
Bridges,	4,139	
Support of poor, Fire department,	1,628	
Interest,	1,900	
Memorial Day,	1,300	00
Cemeteries,	300	
Library,	666	
444	000	

State aid, Notes paid, Breaking out roads, Taxes paid, Abatement of taxes, Lighting street lamps, Lockup, Town Hall, Sidewalk on Grove street, New county road,	800 9,500 223 6,754 180 552 117 176 536 895	00 46 66 96 03 19 45 25 50
TIA DILIMINO, OR MILE MOUNT	\$43,375	00
LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.		0.0
Notes to Millbury Savings Bank,	\$20,000	00
AVAILABLE RESOURCES.		
School books in hands of agents,	\$425	00
Due from State for State aid to March 1, 1878,	893	20
Due from State for rent of armory,	250	
Cash in treasury,	180	64
	\$1,748	84
UNAVAILABLE PROPERTY.		
Seven school-houses,	\$35,000	00
High School building and furniture,	6,000	
Cemetery lots and land,	1,500	
Town farm,	5,000	
Personal property on farm,	2,040	
Gravel lots,	400	
Three engine-houses,	700	
Hearse house,	400	
Hearse and harness, Lockup,	800	
Fire engines, hose carriages and hose,	1,500	
Land near Town house,	900	
	\$55,040	55
FINANCIAL CONDITION.		
Liabilities,	\$20,000	
Available Resources,	1,748	84
	\$18,251	16

Town debt, March 1, 1878, "March 1, 1877,

\$18,251 16 16,974 22

Increase,

\$1,276 94

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN MARTIN, Selectmen
B. F. McINTIRE, of
L. L. WHITNEY, Millbury.

## List of Jurors.

Selected by the Selectmen for the acceptance of the Town, March 1, 1878.

Aiken H. A., Briggs Anthony T., Barker Calvin W., Barton John B., Broadbent John, Bancroft Henry L., Browning Chas. L., Cunningham R. C., Crane Rufus R., Chase George F., Davidson Henry W., Davis Adin B., Eddy Justus, Flagg Benjamin, Flagg George A., Farnsworth Simon, Greenwood N. H.,

Holman E. M., Hull Samuel E., Hayward John C., Harris Warren A., Jones Robert, Lovell Russell B., March David T., Merriam Rufus K .. McCracken Geo. W., McIntire Benj. F., McClosky Patrick, Marble Henry, Martin John, Prentice Daniel G., Percival Charles, Pope John W., Parker Sumner R.,

Powers D. A., Rhodes John, Sweetser Henry W. Sheehan William, Simmons H. N., Simpson Peter, Jr., Sullivan Jeremiah, Small Samuel A.. Stockwell Chas. A., Stewart Perlin J., Sawyer Samuel, Sayles Irving B., Stratton George, Tebo Charles, Waters Osgood H. Wood Newell.

### TREASURER'S REPORT,

For the year ending March 1st, 1878.

### Dr.

	Dr.		
To Cash	in treasury as per last report,	\$1,564	03
	of R. Carter, Collector on tax bill of 1876,	112	
	of R. Carter, interest on same,		96
	of P. P. Saunderson, Col. on tax bill of		
	1877,	29,492	05
	of P. P. Saunderson, interest on same,	104	
	rent of hay scales for 1876,	12	58
	of State Treasurer, armory rents 1876,	168	90
	of State Treasurer, pauper transportation,	1	05
	liquor license for year ending May 1st,		
	'77, \$25, less 25 per cent. paid to State,		
	\$6.25,	18	75
	cemetery lot No. 34 sold to R. Harrison,	18	0.0
	of Blood & Stanton, for billiard license,	10	00
	borrowed of Millbury National Bank,	9,500	00
	rent of Town hall to February 1st, '78,	135	09
	Circus license,	10	00
	Fireworks licenses,		00
	of city of Springfield for assistance of Mrs.		
•	John Fagan,	11	00
	of John Rycroft for cemetery lot No. 200,	25	
	of Mrs. Morrill " " 246,	25	00
	of F. A. DeGrote, " 42,	18	
	of County Treasurer, dog tax refunded,	322	
	of State Treasurer, school fund,	256	
	" armory rents 1877,		00
	" corporation tax,	229	
	" Nat. Bank "	171	
	" State aid refunded,	902	
	" corporation tax,		55
	of ex'r of W. C. Rice, lot in Dwinnell cemete		
	old bridge plank,	3	00

To Cash of A. B. Lovell for school boo	ks sold,		89	63
Ira Glazier, "	٠ ((		33	30
E. Dudley, "	6 66		54	90
,			243	
School Committee for Dray	wing mate	erial	sold, 9	02
Selectmen for old plank sol	ld.		2	00
for four liquor licenses \$200,		ner		
	1055 20	per	750	00
cent. paid to State \$50,			150	00
		\$	343,851	44
Cr.		"	,	
By old orders,	<b>\$146</b>	00		
orders of the Selectmen paid,	43,375	80		
orders of the coloumen para,	10,010	00		
	0.10 5.01	00		
	\$43,521	80		
By discount paid Millbury Nat. Bank,	149	00		
cash in treasury,	180	64		
cash in breasury,	100		10 074	4.4
	-	<del>"</del>	843,851	44

DAVID ATWOOD, Treasurer.

## Report of Overseers of Poor.

# REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1878.

Expenditures	at Almshouse Establishment,	\$1,531	25
	Almshouse Establishment,	381	

### INVENTORY OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

Stock, &c.,	\$1,219 40		
Provisions,	187 15		
Household Furniture,	634 00		
		\$2,040	55

### SUPPORT OF POOR AWAY FROM HOME.

Mrs. Louis Longton,	\$164	70
" Oliver Tebo,	69	27
Charles Bell,	95	59
L. T. Pierce,	21	
Miss Jane Emerson,		00
"Mary Watts,		00
66 Oliva Hanasak ) Ingana	200	
" Olive Hancock, Insane W. A. Goodell, Asylum,	189	
Catharine Adams,	11	
Mrs. Nancy Whitney,	7	
Ora Bonzey,	16	
Frank Barton,	26	
Edward Tirrell,	71	55
Thomas Weldon,	45	71
Rebecca Vincent,	5	82
Mrs. Addie White,	99	82
Catharine Roland,	13	81
Admission and expense of two		
ren to Little Wanderers' Home,	55	60
THE RESERVE THE PARTY OF THE PA	20	
Horace Ryan,	142	
E. D. Whitney,	42	
Peter M'Cune,		
Albert Benerway,	31	00

W. R. Bacon,	17 44	
Ethan Allen,	19 00	
Peter Besio,	67 59	
Mrs. Bassett,	63 60	
Noah Crossman,	52 00	
E. R. Bugbee,	8 50	
Walter Whitney,	62 50	
Robinson Hopwood,	4 93	
Old bills,	13 50	
Richard Noe,	76 50	
Peter Noe,	27 50	
Mrs. Frank Porter,	185 30	
Oliver Broult,	27 50	
Fred Smith,	38 75	
Mrs. John Roach,	41 50	
M. Toomey,	140 74	
T. McCarty,	45 00	
D. Sears,	27 00	
John Maloney,	10 00	
Mrs. Frank Barton,	38 00	
Miss Nancy Eager,	2 00	
Newman Carter,	3 00	
Peter Minnie,	15 00	
Felix Flagg,	6 00	
	<b>———</b> \$2,198 39	
STATE PAUPI	——— \$2,198 39 ERS.	
	ERS.	)
Mrs. Arthur Sandville,		)
Mrs. Arthur Sandville, J. O. Keefe,	ERS. \$13 40 4 00	,
Mrs. Arthur Sandville, J. O. Keefe, Mrs. J. Brooks,	ERS. \$13 40	)
Mrs. Arthur Sandville, J. O. Keefe, Mrs. J. Brooks, John Demar,	ERS. \$13 40 4 00 10 67 3 00	)
Mrs. Arthur Sandville, J. O. Keefe, Mrs. J. Brooks, John Demar, Napoleon Gardner,	ERS. \$13 40 4 00 10 67	)
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Jason Waters,	19	00		
Mary Goddard,	. 15			
Miss Sears,	15			
Oliver Tebo,	15			
Andrew Noe Jr.,	15			
Edward T. Pierce,	13			
Frank Porter, burial and expense,	23			
Alena Wheelwright,	15	00	@4.47F	0.0
CHANTEL AND THROUGHO		~	\$147	00
SERVICES AND EXPENSES O			ERS.	
W. A. Harris,	\$150			
Robert Jones,	50			
Russell B. Lovell,	75			
Books and Stationery,	11 :	00	\$286	50
Total amount of nanonal property				
Total amount of personal property, Value of real estate,			\$2,040 5,000	
value of real estate,			5,000	
Total amount of town property,			\$7,040	55
RECAPITULATIO	ON.			
Income from farm,	\$381			
Amount drawn from treasury,	4,139			
Expenditures at Almshouse,	1,531			
Support of poor away from farm,	2,329			
State paupers,	94			
Services and expenses of Overseers,	286			
Tramp account,	133			
Burial expenses,	147	00	<b>04 501</b>	01
TITLING IT CONDI	TITO NT		\$4,521	01
FINANCIAL CONDI	HON.			
To inventory of March 1st, 1877,	\$2,424	05		
expended at the Almshouse for th	e			
year ending March 1st, 1878,	1,531			
interest on farm,	300	00		0.0
			\$4,255	30
CR. By amount of inventory March 1st, 1878.	\$2,040	55		
produce sold from farm and labor o	f ~2,010 ·			
agent,	381	85		
490 weeks board of paupers at a frac	)-			
tion over \$3.74 per week,	1,832 9	90		
			\$4,255	30

Whole numb	er supporte	d at Almshouse	13.
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	Weeks.	Age.	Came to the Inst'n.
Newman Carter,	22	67	1876
Nancy Eager,	52	84	1844
Harriet Hosmer,	52	74	1869
Sarah Waters,	52	48	1875
Adeline Barton,	52	47	1844
Edward Livermore,	52	48	1845
Henry W. Sawyer,	50	11	1875
George Tirrell,	12	6	1877
Edward Tirrell,	32	11	1877
Owen Canton,	8 .	40	. 1878
Michael Kelley,	52	35	1876
John Jacobs,	20	76	1877
Walter Whitney,	34	21	1876
•	Special Services and All Services and Al		
	490		

Present number,

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N. Eager, H. Hosmer, S. Waters, A. Barton, E. Livermore, E. Tirrell, M. Kelley, J. Jacobs, W. Whitney.

Respectfully submitted,

W. A. HARRIS, ROBERT JONES, RUSSELL B. LOVELL, Of Poor.

# Library Report.

The Trustees of the Town Library respectfully submit their Annual Report as follows:

#### FINANCES.

The Trustees have received the following sums of money, and charge themselves therewith, viz:

Balance on hand March 1, 1877,	\$472	80
Amount appropriated by vote of the town,	300	00
Amount received from the dog tax,	366	22
Amount received from sale of catalogues and from fine	es, 36	35

Total,			\$1,175 37
They have	expended as follow	s:	

For rent from January 1, 1877, to April 1, 1877,	\$25 00
For salary from January 1, 1877, to April 1, 1877,	25 00
For rent from April 1, 1877, to January 1, 1878,	. 75 00
For salary from April 1, 1877, to January 1, 1878,	75 00
For new books and re-binding old books,	600 64
For book case and alterations in room,	92 16
For covering books,	10 00
For fuel and lights and incidentals,	11 19

Total expenditures,	<b>\$913</b> 99
Rolongo on hand March 1 1878.	

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In Millbury National Bank,	\$246	32
In hands of Librarian,	15	06

\$261 38

This balance on hand is subject to drafts for \$50, for rent and salary to April 1, 1878, leaving balance in our hands after that date of \$211.38.

#### STATISTICS.

Whole number of volumes	in	the	Library	March	1,	
1878, for circulation,						3,185
For reference,						163
Total,						4,348

Number purchased during year, 320
Number taken out during year, 7,883
Number of persons taking during year, 562
Number of volumes charged and not returned, 2

#### GENERAL SUMMARY.

During the year the Trustees have carried out the dlan sug-

gested in their last report:

The Library room proper has been connected with the adjacent room occupied by the Town officers, by means of a delivery window through which all books have been delivered to persons in waiting in the latter room.

This arrangement has not interfered with the occupancy of the adjoining room by the other Boards of Town officers, has been more convenient for the public, and has given us more

room in the library in which to arrange our books.

We have put into the library a double book case capable of holding two thousand volumes, and with the usual rate of increase this will give us shelf room for a number of years.

We desire to express our thanks to the other boards of officers, and to the owners of the rooms for their ready assent to

these changes.

We have prepared and issued during the year, a new catalogue containing the titles and numbers of books added to the

library since 1875, the date of the last suppement.

It contains six hundred and six titles, of which three hundred and twenty are of books purchased during the year; the remainder were upon manuscript catalogues made from time to time as they were purchased.

The books upon the new catalogue may be classified as

follows:

Fiction,		210
Biographies,		94
Histories,		90
Travels,	,	48
Poetry,		12
Miscellaneous,		152

An examination of the new catalogue will show that while we have not overlooked works of fiction by our best authors, particular attention has been paid to those of a more educational character, it appearing to us that the chief reason which justifies the creation and maintenance of an institution such as our town library at the common expense, results from the consideration that it is part of a general scheme of public education which experience approves. The number of volumes taken during the year is less than that reported in former years, and this results not from any lack of interest or desire for reading on the part of the people, but rather from the fact that the library was unecessarily closed a considerable time while alterations were being made; since its re-opening it has been apparent that there was an increased use being made of it, and that it maintains its hold upon the public interest, and supplies the wants of the community in a reasonably satisfactory degree.

We ask that an appropriation of \$100, and the dog tax, may

be made for its support during the coming year.

AMOS ARMSBY,
I. B. SAYLES,
JOHN HOPKINS,

## Report of Trustees of Cemeteries.

Dr.	
For orders received of Selectmen,	\$300 00
cash on hand, March 4, 1877,	38 60
	\$338 60
Cr.	
By cash paid for labor at Central Ce	emetery, \$250 77
trees, " "	6 27 00
head stones,	20 25
tools, manure, &c.,	13 36
labor at Dwinnell (	
	bury Cemetery, 9 58
bier at West Millbu	
	\$334 46
Cash on hand, March 1, 1878,	\$4 14
N. H. S B. B. I D. ATV	SEARS, HOWARD, WOOD, Trustees of Cemeteries.

# Engineer's Report.

In presenting their Annual Report, the Engineers would say: The Fire Engines are in better condition than for years past. The practice heretofore has been to expend as little as possible for repairs in order to keep within the appropriation, until it had become necessary to make certain repairs in order to have the engines in good working condition. What is a Fire Department good for unless the mackines are kept in condition for service? Engine No. 4 we found in bad condition, the spokes in one wheel all broken off in the hub, and the other three needing repairs, caused, in our opinion, by running the machine out and into the house over the stone gutters, and liable to break down in going to a fire at any time. There could not have been a poorer location for an engine house than the present one for No. 4.

No. 3 Engine located in Bramanville, has had to be repaired at considerable expense. The cylinders were found in bad

condition and liable to give out at a fire any moment.

No. 5 located at West Millbury, we found in worse condition than the other two; with an apology for a rope, and hose pipe with two lengths of suction hose entirely unfit for service, which had to be replaced by new ones. Also a new rope and discharge pipe were furnished to take the place of the old ones. Some of the wheels on the engine were found fast on the axletree, in which condition it was probably hauled to the fire and returned, showing the good working condition the machines were in according to the last report.

The engines have been so long in use they are a constant source of expense. We would recommend the disposing of them and the purchasing of new ones which the companies will

take some pride in keeping in order.

There have been four alarms but only one fire that was very destructive, which was on the night of the 19th of May, when the large barn belonging to the estate of the late J. G. Wood, was entirely consumed with several head of horses and cattle. Engine No. 5 responded promptly but was of but little use ex-

cept in protecting the other buildings. Nos. 3 and 4 being so far away did not arrive until the barn was nearly consumed. The second and fourth alarms were caused, one by a fire in Oxford, the other by the burning of a building in Sutton, the light from both being plainly seen in Millbury.

On July 6th, at 10:30 P. M., a fire was discovered on the roof of the building owned and occupied by John Martin as a foundry, which was soon extinguished with the aid of the force pump connected with the sash and blind shop of C. D. Morse.

Damage slight.

Knowing the engines to be in better condition than they were a year ago, but still needing some repairs, we would recommend an appropriation sufficient for the pay of the men and what supplies are necessary; also enough to paint and varnish the engines, which they sadly need if they are to be retained. We would recommend an appropriation of seventeen hundred dollars (\$1700.00) for the ensuing year.

The following statement taken from the records will show the expenditures for the year ending February 28, 1878:

May 5, 1877, received from Town Treasurer on	
order from Selectmen,	\$1,500 00
Aug. 1, received on order,	15 71
Sept. 19, " "	95 73
Oct. 5, " for old hose,	15 00
May 5, Paid firemen No. 4, 45 men, \$450 00	
tax payers " poll tax refund-	
ed, 82 00	
stewards' bill No. 4, 16 60	
Samuel Sawyer, engineer, 8 00	
" repairs No. 4, 1 50	
Dunton & Winter, bill supplies	
for 1875-76, 1 56	
B. T. Rice, coal for No. 4, Dec. 5, 2 00	
bill Millbury Machine Co., re-	to Charles
pairs on No. 4, March 1, '77, 14 53	
No. 4 to and from Machine shop, 2 00	
Firemen Co. 3, 40 men \$10, 400 00	
tox payers poll tax refunded, 68 00	
P. Comisky, steward No. 3, 10 50	
Myro Flagg, assistant " 8 00	
" " repairs " 3 00	
O. Z. Bartlett, engineer, 5 00	
Wm. Fehan, bill repairs April	
12, 1876, No. 3, 2 25	

May 5, Paid	Firemen Co. 5, 35 men, \$10, 350	00		
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	J. L. Bonzey, steward No. 5, 12	00		
	S. A. Savary, bill Oct. 30, 1876,			
	repairs on engine No. 5, 2	50		
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May 20,		50		
June 20,	" express on hose,	50		
26,		65		
July 2,		75		
6,	Geo. W. Mallalieu, repairs No.			
	4, 2	50		
12,	for repairing rubber coat and			
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Sept. 3,	" leather for packing No. 4,	65		
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	W. A. Thompson, repairing			
	belts and hose No. 4, 3	50		
Sept. 14,	W. A. Thompson, straps, &c.,			
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20,	A. Burningame, suction hose,			
	hose pipe, and repairs No. 5, 46	25		
	A. Burlingame, repairs and sup-			
	plies No. 3,	78		
30,	express on hose,	50		
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P. P. SANDERSON, Engineers Millbury.



